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A. LEAD AND COOPERATING AGENCIES

Reclamation is the lead agency responsible for the preparation of this "Report on Refuge Water Supply Investigations," and the subsequent "Refuge Water Supply Planning Report," which will contain recommendations relative to refuge water supply. These studies are being conducted in cooperation with the Service, DFG, and DWR who are each providing technical expertise relative to the water and land resources for each of the study areas. In addition, the Grassland Water District has provided a significant monetary contribution to the study with funds raised by the California Waterfowl Association. Those funds have financed various investigations on private wetlands within the Grassland Resource Conservation District.

Throughout the course of this study, Reclamation and its contractor (James M. Montgomery, Consulting Engineers, Inc.) have worked closely with various Service, DFG, and DWR staff at each refuge and with each agency's respective regional and state office in developing data for this report. The data were compiled and prepared in draft report format for agency review. Their comments were used, where appropriate, in this report.

B. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

Since the initiation of the Refuge Water Supply Study in October 1985, numerous meetings have been held with environmental and wildlife organizations and water and irrigation districts to discuss study objectives, issues and concerns, and planning procedures. A news release discussing the initiation of the study was provided to newspapers within the study area. In addition, two public information documents were released to over two hundred agencies, organizations, legislators, and individuals providing information on the progress of the study and soliciting input on alternative water delivery plans and pertinent issues.

C. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CONSULTATION

Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act requires Federal agencies insure that their actions are not likely to jeopardize endangered or threatened species in any proposed action, and that the Service provide necessary consultation. The Service has provided Reclamation a list of endangered and candidate species which may occur within the sites investigated. Those species are included in this report.

4. Cost Sharing

As discussed in Chapter I, non-Federal participation in the development of dependable water supplies will be an important factor in plan selection and recommendation.

5. Legal and Institutional Concerns

The current demand for CVP water exceeds the anticipated available supply. The Water Contracting EISs will address the effects of providing CVP water for various agricultural, municipal, industrial, and fish and wildlife uses. The results of the EISs and subsequent allocations could result in legal arguments by those users who do not receive their desired allocation.

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